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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Ronald G. Rathke of  
4 Carlinville, who passed away on November 29, 2012; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Rathke was born on November 7, 1934, to  
6 Irvin and Kathryn Elizabeth (Price) Rathke in Litchfield; he  
7 graduated from Carlinville High School in 1952 and married  
8 Carolyn Ann Calverd at the Federated Church in Carlinville on  
9 June 5, 1955; he attended Blackburn College and graduated from  
10 Washington University School of Dentistry in 1959; he served in  
11 the U.S. Air Force as a captain at Offut Air Force Base in  
12 Omaha, Nebraska, until 1961; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Rathke opened a dental practice in  
14 Carlinville in 1961; he remained there serving the area until  
15 his retirement in 1993; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Rathke loved to spend time with his  
17 family, hunt, fish, garden, and travel; he was an animal lover  
18 and he was involved with extensive reforestation projects through  
19 the State of Illinois Conservation Department; in 1984 and 1985  
20 he planted over 7,000 black walnut trees on his property; he  
21 served on the Carlinville Public School board for 19 years, was  
22 a founder of the Carlinville Public School Foundation, and a

1 lifelong supporter and advocate of the Carlinville School  
2 District; he was a member of the Carlinville United Methodist  
3 Church and a board member for Farmers and Merchants National  
4 Bank in Carlinville; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Rathke was preceded in death by his  
6 parents, Irvin and Kathryn Elizabeth Rathke and his  
7 sister-in-law, Joyce Weller; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Rathke is survived by his wife,  
9 Carolyn; his daughters, Denise Boente (Dr. Steven), Cheryl  
10 Davis (Shawn), and Lynne Evans (Robert); his grandchildren, Dr.  
11 Erin Boente, Elyse Srygley (Trey), Stephen Boente, Michael  
12 Davis (fiance Alicia Robinson), Nicholas Evans, and Elisabeth  
13 Evans; his brother-in-law, Floyd Weller; his nieces, nephews,  
14 and cousins; and his dog, Katie; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Dr. Ronald Rathke, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Dr. Ronald Rathke as an expression  
22 of our deepest sympathy.